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SUMMARY

We believe the Soviets are developing a new large SLBM/SSBN weapon system which could be operational in the early 1980s. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] We expect this missile to begin flight testing in 1978. We believe this missile will be larger than present Soviet SLBMs and have a greater throw weight. We also believe that the Soviets are developing a new ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) to carry this missile. [REDACTED]

Assembly of the new submarine may have begun in 1975. In this case, the first unit could be launched as early as 1978. If the missile and submarine programs experience no major delays, and systems integration tests and trials proceed smoothly, the total weapon system could achieve its initial operational capability at the earliest in late 1980. However, we believe a more likely IOC date to be 1982/83.

DISCUSSION

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